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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Dienststelle 5

DATE OF INFORMATION: 5 February 1956

1. On Sunday, 5 February 1956, at 1430 hours, @WINTER and @PARKER, Chief of Dienststelle 5, visited me at my home. This visit had been previously suggested by @WINTER who had stated his desire to introduce me to @PARKER. Thus this visit was primarily of a social nature, although there was some conversation on the present and future organization and plans for operational activity of Dienststelle 5.

2. @PARKER stated that he has moved his office into Munich which, while not so pleasant as the set-up in Wangen, is more convenient for him and the members of his staff, all of whom live in or near Munich. He stated that his health is seemingly improved at the present and that he hopes to be able again to apply himself to operational work. He said that it had, in the recent past, been difficult to devote full time to intelligence matters, since his poor health and the pressure of commercial business had combined to keep him from the office.

3. @PARKER stated that Dienststelle 5 now has one going Aussenstelle in Augsburg and plans to open another somewhere between Munich and the Austrian border, probably in Rosenheim. Both Aussenstellen will devote full time to operations directed against the CSR, with the Augsburg office emphasizing approaches from Germany and the as yet unopened Aussenstelle working through Austria, principally through Vienna. Both @WINTER and @PARKER mentioned the latter's numerous contacts in Vienna and expect that more success will be gained from this area than from contacts in Germany. @PARKER said that while one must be very careful in running operations from Austria, still the necessary Austrian officials can always be found. In this respect, he emphasized both the desire for added income on the part of most Austrian officials and the necessary assumption that many such authorities have been approached by the Soviets. He felt that Soviet penetration of most Austrian police agencies must be assumed.

4. In discussing operations against the CSR in general, @PARKER intimated that even with the increased ease of travel to the CSR, there are

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still many difficulties. He cited instances during the past summer when legal travellers were refused visas at the last moment before travel, the strict control of buses carrying organized travel groups, and the strict surveillance of one man who had been officially invited to visit Karlsbad. In this last case, the traveller was an editor of a leading paper in Salzburg; he drove his personal car and was able to travel to a certain extent outside of Karlsbad. The surveillance of his movements, however, was so effective (albeit unprofessional and easily noted) that he had almost no freedom of action during the three weeks he spent in the CSR. @PARKER also stated that in his view, the best way to attack the target would be from Sweden or Israel, recruiting travelers to the CSR in these countries. @WINTER agreed, but said that the mission of Dst. 5 was to go through Germany and Austria. @PARKER also mentioned the possibility of gaining contact to Czech officials in such states as Egypt through German travellers to these countries. He felt that current Czech willingness to ease travel restrictions would make his task easier, but he stressed the need for experienced V-Mann Fuehrer who could run both legal and black crossing operations if necessary. @PARKER also referred to the difficulties encountered in recruiting qualified and experienced agent leaders. In answer to my query whether Dst. 5 had attempted any operational contacts through the German Trade Delegation which is currently in Prague, @PARKER said that they had not, although they hoped to exploit such visits in the future.

5. As stated above, the purpose of this meeting was principally to introduce me to @PARKER. The latter stated his willingness to have me visit his Dienststelle at any time and expressed his desire for close working cooperation. He added that we could also meet at his home. This idea, however, did not appear to be overly acceptable to @WINTER, who countered with the suggestion that it might be easier to meet at his house.

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